Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe *(Kunnamkulam)*: May I know whether there was any complaint received by the Government that an L. M. P. man who applied for higher studies was refused.

റാവുബഹദൂർ ടി. കെ. നായർ: ഇപ്പോഴറിയാം. ഞാൻ ചാജ്ജെടുത്തതിനുശേഷം ആവലാതികേൾക്കുന്നു" എന്നെ മാന്യസ്നേഹിതൻ മിസ്റ്റർ ഡിവർ പറഞ്ഞതുപോലെ ഫ, ഫ കൊല്ലം സപ്ലീസുള്ളവരെ അസിസ്റ്റൻറ സർജന്മാരാക്കണമെന്നുള്ളതാണു". പാർപ്പിക്കുവാൻ പറഞ്ഞയക്കണമെന്ന ആവലാതിയുണ്ടായതായി അറിയുന്നില്ല. ഏതായാലും ഈ വിഷയത്തെപ്പറ്റി മെഡിക്കൽ കോളേജധികൃതന്മാരുമായി ആലോചിച്ചു" വേണ്ടതു ചെയ്യാം.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്". പണിക്കർ: അവിടെ അഡ്മിഷൻ കിട്ടിയാൽ അവർക്കു ലീവു അനുവദിക്കുമോ?

റാവുബഹദൂർ ടി. കെ. നായർ: അതാണു" പറഞ്ഞതു" അഡ്മിഷൻ കിട്ടിയാൽ ലീവു അനുവദിക്കുന്നതിനു വിരോധമുണ്ടാകയില്ലെന്നു".

Mr. M. K. Raja *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: The Hon'ble Minister has really clinched the problem when he said that the main difficulty in giving effect to the suggestion is probably the reservation of seats in the medical college, because he says that to his knowledge there has been no complaint till now that a licentiate who had applied for permission to go for higher studies was refused that permission. So I take it that the Government do not want to disallow anybody from taking advantage of higher studies. So the only problem is reservation of seats. Since the Minister has assured that negotiations will be conducted with the authorities in Madras on the subject, I have nothing to add now. I withdraw the motion.

Motion, by leave, with-drawn

Mr. President: The question is that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 15,24,467— under Medical in demand No. 26.

Motion put and carried

(2) 17. Medical (Cranganur)

Rao Bahadur T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Public Health)*: I move that a sum of Rs. 22,074 be granted under 17—Medical (Cranganur).

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education)*: I second it.

Mr. President: The question is that the Government be granted a sum of Rs. 22,074 under 17—Medical (Cranganur).

Motion put and carried

(3) 1—Land Revenue

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Minister for Revenue)*: Sir, I move that a sum of Rs. 6,89,233 be granted to Government under 1—Land Revenue.

Mr. President: There is a cut motion by Mr. K. S. Panicker.

Mr. K. S. Panicker *(Ezhuvas-Trichur)*: I don't want to move it, Sir.

Cut motions

(i) Working of the Statistical Branch

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Mr. President, I move that the demand of Rs. 17,175 for Statistical Branch under Land Revenue be reduced by one rupee—to criticise the working of the Statistical Branch. This branch, Sir, was for the first time proposed to be introduced in the budget proposals of 1119 Karkadagam—that is, it was intended to work from 1120. We had there an illuminating exposition and expatiation of it in that year's budget session introducing the demand by the then Hon'ble Member for Revenue, that runs into five or six pages of closely printed matter. Since I am not inclined to take up much of the time of the House, I only say, Sir, that three years this side we are not anything much better than what we were when we started. Of course, there is this thing. The amount under this sub-head is increasing from year to year. That is a matter for congratulation. At least one Cochinite, or

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[Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan]

another gets some pay in the name Statistics. Unemployment as far as they are concerned has been removed and importation into that section has not been started. To that extent I congragulate the Government of the day. But as far as the purpose of the statistical branch is concerned, nothing much has been done. In a State like Cochin it is a pity, Sir, that an answer to question for information on important subjects are put answer is almost always given that there are no statistics. I submit, Sir; that especially in these days when there is the change-over and there is a prospect of a bigger change-over very soon, it is desirable, Sir, that we have statistics upon important things on our fingers tips. I hope my esteemed friend in charge of statistics will brisk up and make good the loss of time for which he is not at fault, but see that statistics necessary in important branches at least are somehow made available at the earliest possible time. It is only to suggest this that I move this cut motion. To put it briefly the work of the Statistical Department, Sir, I do not think the Hon'ble Minister will attempt to say that it has been anything satisfactory. I believe he will himself admit that much more has to be done. Very little has been done. I am not complaining, but please see that it is expedited and worked on very good lines and with very good results. Just to suggest this, I move this cut motion for consideration by the house.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education):* Sir, Government are in complete agreement with the Hon'ble Member that the subject of statistics is a most important subject. The collection of information is most important for Government in order to plan future activities for the amelioration of the various ills from which society is suffering. And I can assure this House that from day to day the work of this department is progressing and as conceded by the Hon'ble Mover of the cut motion, there is a lot of work still to be done. It is a new department, almost a new department. It began only very late, and we have not got a separate department also for this purpose. A certain section in the Land Revenue Department in the Diwan Peishkar's Office is working at it. Of late, it came to the notice of Government or Government came to the conclusion that the work of collecting statistics is being done by several departments of Government, *e.g.*, over and above the statistics collected by the statistics officer in the Diwan Peishkar's Office, some categories of figures and information are being collected in the Labour Department, other information is being collected in the office of the Director of Industries, vital statistics collection work is being attended to by the Public Health Department. These, I think, are mostly the departments now concerned with collection of statistics. The House may be aware that in the year 1121 this House passed a legislation called the Industrial Statistics Act. And that legislation was passed with the object of enabling the Government to collect the statistics regarding trade, industries, labour and other matters. And early this year, I think it was in the month of Kanni, or so, the statistical department in the Diwan Peishkar's Office began the work of publishing cost of living index figures. We were handicapped for want of such figures previously. We were not sure whether the figures that were being published by the Madras Government will be truly applicable to conditions in Cochin and therefore the cost of living index figures are being prepared here and they are being plotted on a graph paper and at a glance Government will know how the cost of living is fluctuating in the country today. And these figures are being published from time to time. I think they are published every week. So that, I submit to the Hon'ble mover of the cut motion and to the House that progress is being made in this direction and the latest step taken is to co-ordinate the statistics collected in all the various departments That is to say, the statistics collected in the Labour Department, in the Industries Department and in the Public Health Department will be transmitted to the Statistics Officer in the Diwan Peishkar's Office and that officer and his branch will constitute the General Statistical Bureau for the State. And the time may not be far distant when as conceived by the Hon'ble mover of this cut motion, any information about any subject, any figure, any such information will be available at a moment's notice, because we are co-ordinating. But I hope my friend will agree that in these things perfection is never reached. We always tend or approximate towards perfection, and I hope that we are very quickly progressing towards that state of affairs. That being so and that alone being the intention of the mover, I hope that the motion will not be pressed.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Sir, I am obliged to the Hon'ble Minister for giving us information on all that has been done thus far, though poor. I want to inform him that a little more attention has to be put in to this matter so that results may be achieved as early as possible. I seek the leave of the House to withdraw the motion.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

At this stage, 3-40 p.m., Panel Chairman Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe occupied the Chair.

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